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**BLACK UNITED METHODIST
PREACHERS**

OF PHILADELPHIA AND VICINITY

P R E S E N T S

PARADISE LOST & REGAINED

(FOLK - ORATORIO)

DR. EVA JESSYE,

COMPOSER

JOHN MILTON, LIBRETTIST

**TINDLEY TEMPLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
BROAD AND FITZWATER STREETS**

OCTOBER SIXTH, 1974

SEVEN P.M.

PROGRAM

Greeting Rev. Joshua E. Licorish, President
Black United Methodist Preachers

Welcome Harold Barker
Assistant To Mayor Frank L. Rizzo

Prelude

S E L E C T I O N S B Y
S T R I N G Q U A R T E T
O P A R A D I S E B R A S S E N S E M B L E

Paradise lost & regained

Dr. Eva Jessye, Conducting
Verolga N. Allen, Assisting

Julia Jamison, Organist
The Paradise Choir
Glassboro State College Choir Ensemble
Clarence Miller, Director

Universal Cosmic Are Ensemble - Dancers
William Baker - Percussion
La Costa Broils - Lighting
Guest Soloists



The Cast

FATHER	James Mumford
SON	Willie Johnson
SATAN	Richard Harris

Narrators

Andrew L. Foster, Jr.

Salvatore Sanzo

In the beginning

"How the Heaven and Earth rose out of Chaos.
Of Man's first disobedience, with loss of Eden, till one
greater Man restore us and regain the blissful seat. . . ."

Scenes & events

ERE TIME BEGAN
FATHER AND SON
WAR WITH LUCIFER
CREATION OF THE WORLD
EDEN AND THE FALL
PARADISE LOST
THE FATHER'S DECREE
THE SON'S OFFER

PARADISE REGAINED

BIBLE HEROES
THE FLOOD
CHILDREN OF ISRAEL
PROPHECY
THE NATIVITY
BAPTISM OF JESUS CHRIST
CHRIST IN THE WILDERNESS
ENCOUNTER WITH SATAN

Vocal emphasis

"WAY UP IN HEAVEN"	Yvonne Kersey
"TALL ANGEL"	Darlene Hunt, Elaine Middleton
"LUCIFER, SON OF THE MORNING"	Dennis Butler
"THE CREATION".	Women's Voices
"WAY BACK YONDER" (Eden and the Fall)	Jacqueline Norwood
"WHERE IS ADAM?"	
"SONG OF REGRET"	Yvonne Kersey
"ELI"	Dorothy Turner, Joyce Mims
"NOAH"	Thelma Patterson
"MOSES".	Irwin Robinson, Andrew Foster, Don Green
"THE TABERNACLE"	Glassboro College Choir
"HEBREW HEROES"	
JOSHUA	Robert E. Bryant
DAVID	Ricardo Martin
DANIEL	Frank Kellem
SAMSON	Leroy Brodwith
"TROUBLE IN ZION"	Yvonne Kersey, Arthur Waddy, Andrew Foster
"STAR IN THE EAST" (The Prophecy)	Glassboro State College Choir
"READ IN THE BIBLE" (The Nativity)	Gwendolyn Belle
"THE BAPTISM"	Arthur Waddy, Dorothy Turner, Joyce Mims
"THAT ANCIENT CITY" (Rome)	Rella Bray
"O, WHAT A BEAUTIFUL CITY"	Elaine Middleton

Finale

"JESUS CHRIST, THE FIRST AND LAST . . .
NO MAN WORKS LIKE HIM"
AMEN!RIDE ON, KING JESUS!"

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "O PARADISE"

The Paradise Choir

SOPRANO

Bernice Murphy
Geraldine Cobb
Florence E. Paulin
Betty H. Moody
Vesta Whittington
Eva F. Diggs
Yvonne Kersey
Rella Bray
Elaine E. Middleton
Estelle R. Freeman

Darlene Hunt
Joyce Mims
Phenoris Young

TENOR

Maurice R. House
Lonnie Perry
Arthur Waddy
Dennis Butler
C. Frank Kellem

Ricardo Martin

ALTO

Harriet Jackson Young
Deborah Patterson
Lena Headen
Juanita Davis
Jacqueline Norwood
Thelma Patterson
Vivian Miles
Verolga N. Allen
Mary Ruth
Dorothy Turner

BARITONE - BASS

Robert McKoy
Joseph L. Weldon
Nehemiah Davis
Robert V. Fuller
Irwin Robinson
James E. Washington
Robert E. Bryant

Guest Artists

Glassboro State College Choir Ensemble

Eileen Mathieson
Patricia Shaw
Don Green

Anthony Buonauro
Clarence Miller
Mark Van Schenkhof

Gwendolyn Belle, Soloist, Church of the Ascension, New York City
Leroy Brodwith, Soloist, Mother A.M.E. Zion Church, New York City
Arthur Bryant, Teaneck, New Jersey



If

If you know what you are able to accomplish
Yet realize the things you cannot do
If you can find a goal that you believe in
And understand what God expects of you
If you can always use your talents wisely
Remaining calm when everything goes wrong
And seek your goal with persevering courage
Relying on your faith to make you strong

If you can see the beauty that surrounds you
And wonder at the wisdom of God's love
If you can be a child for just a moment
While gazing at the stars that shine above
If you can be aware of human weakness
Yet criticize the thoughtlessness you've shown
And when your heart is breaking keep believing
That other hearts are sadder than your own

If you can disregard the faults of others
And love them for the good that they have done
If you can overlook your needs and troubles
And always try to help the other one
If you can light the way by your example
And offer understanding sympathy
Then you will have the joy that comes from knowing
You're the person God intended you to be!

